

Abstract of the invention

A ceramic cutting tool configured as multiphase ceramic with an improved resistance to wear of the edge area or edge layer consists of a base ceramic and of a sacrificial phase as well as eventually additives and primary hard material phases and an eventually multilayered edge area or edge layer resistant to wear, hard, not deposited made of at least one hard material phase, whereby the edge area is intimately intergrown with the starting ceramic and which is formed by aging the starting ceramic in a defined atmosphere.